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Listing of Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims and listings of claims in the application:

Claims 1- 12 (canceled)

13. (original) A method for treating obesity, comprising implanting a hollow body into the stomach of a patient, the hollow body having a first tube-like section at a first end and having a second tube-like section at a second end, the first tube-like section being dimensioned to fit into the esophagus of a patient and the second tube-like end section being dimensioned to be connected in a sealed manner to a small intestine loop within the patient, by the steps of attaching said first tube-like section into the esophagus of said patient, and attaching said second tube-like end section into a small intestine loop, whereby food passes from the esophagus directly into the small intestine loop.

14. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of adjusting the volume of said hollow body.

15. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of fixing said first and second tube-like sections to parts of organs of the patient.

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16. (previously presented) The method according to claim 13, further comprising a step of bulging a hollow central portion of said hollow body

between said first and second tube-like sections relative to said first and

second tube-like sections.

17. (previously presented) The method according to claim 16, further

comprising a step of adjusting a desired artificial stomach volume of the

patient by bulging said hollow central portion.

18. (canceled)